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7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
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14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

COVER PICTURE

Church of God, China Grove, North Carolina—Rev. T. W. Day, Pastor

The Church of God in China Grove was set in order July 30, 1949, by Rev. E. W. Williams, state overseer of North Carolina, and Rev. James L. Slay, district pastor. Rev. H. L. Whittington had held a very successful revival, and at the close of this revival the church was set in order. Rev. Whittington was appointed pastor.

The work on the new church was begun immediately. It was finished and dedicated on September 10, 1950. It took much earnest prayer and hard work by the pastor, members, and friends to erect this beautiful church, but you who know Brother Whittington know he never stops or lets anyone else stop until he accomplishes the work the Lord has given him to do.

The new building is a brick veneered building with very beautiful brick and has "art glass" windows trimmed with cream brick. The interior is very beautiful, with factory-built seats, hardwood floors, an elevated choir back of the rostrum, and a baptistry back of the choir. The building has a full size basement for Sunday School accommodation. It is equipped with fluorescent lighting, rest rooms, and a fine heating system. It is in a good location in this town which is between Kannapolis and Salisbury. Although this church has been organized less than two years, we now have property that is valued at \$50,000.

At the last Assembly Brother Whittington was transferred to Cramerton, N. C. Rev. C. H. Rochester, who is superintendent of the North Carolina

Orphanage, accepted the work in connection with his other duties. The children from the Orphanage came and added much to the progress of the church. As his duties at the Orphanage were steadily increasing, Brother Rochester felt that he had too much on him, so he resigned the church.

Now, we have Rev. T. W. (Tommy) Day, and the church is well pleased with Brother and Sister Day. We are believing God will continue to bless and that our church will continue to grow. At the present, we have 81 members; our Sunday School averages 185 and we have a good Y.P.E. and L.W. W.B. The tithes run anywhere from \$450 a month to \$550. We have just closed a wonderful revival, with Rev. Charlie Campbell doing the preaching. Brother Campbell, although just nineteen years of age, is an inspiring singer and his preaching touched the hearts of many who attended. It was said by many to have been the best revival this church has had since it was organized. These people are faithful to the Church of God, and we desire your prayers that God will continue to bless.—J. L. Shinn, Clerk and Reporter.

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Editorial...

THE CHURCH OF GOD ACCORDING TO ACTS 2

"Pentecost" means fiftieth, and what we really have stated is that the outpouring of the Holy Ghost took place on the fiftieth day—the day of Pentecost—from the day on which Jesus was crucified. The thing that gave possibility to this day becoming one of the greatest days in religious history was due to the fact that the disciples had assembled in Jerusalem in compliance with the instructions of the Lord Jesus (Luke 24:49). Another thing that is worthy of note is, they were in perfect fellowship.

The Church of God called-out assembly in the wilderness (Acts 7:38) was in many respects inaugurated and set in order by God's descent upon Mount Sinai from which He gave verbal recognition of and instruction to Israel as a nation and as His people. This occasion is in no sense inferior to that one. Here we have a seal set upon the dispensation of grace by the descent of the Holy Ghost, the third person of the Godhead. The Shekinah glory that filled the Temple while Solomon was dedicating it was, indeed, great, but this is a greater demonstration, due to the Holy Spirit not only filling the house, but every individual of the 120. From that day to this God has chosen that the bodies of holy men and women be the temples of the Holy Ghost.

It is certainly evident that the descent of the Holy Ghost as a sound of rushing wind impressed the group, but it is reasonable that they were inspired more by each seeing over the other's head forked tongues of fire as the Holy Ghost settled down upon and filled them. Some Pentecostal critics claim that tongues of fire is as much the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost as speaking in tongues, but not so. Jesus said, in John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, **He shall testify of me.**" He did not say tongues of fire would sit upon them. That was a special demonstration for them not recorded elsewhere; but speaking in tongues (**His testifying**) continues to be the initial evidence. There is an effort on the part of some to separate the disciples from the rest of the 120 present, by referring to Peter's statement, "These are not drunken as ye suppose." Peter's own statement, however, in Acts 11:15, refutes this, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us (the 120) at the beginning."

There had been many notable gatherings in Jerusalem, the religious center of the world, and it was common for many nationalities to frequent the city, but they witnessed one of the most phenomenal incidents on this occasion ever seen or heard. Never before had nineteen nationalities heard spiritual messages given in their own languages by those who were unacquainted with many of their languages. It wasn't a matter of only Simon Peter speaking, for the Scripture reads, "**They . . . began to speak with other tongues,**" and "every man heard **them** speaking in his own language." No matter what effort may be put forth to detract from the miraculous nature of this demonstration, it cannot be done. The narrative before us does not hint at the use of the **gift of tongues** for missionary purposes. This was the fulfillment of Christ's prophetic promise, "He shall testify of me, and ye also shall bear witness." The Holy Ghost was **testifying** through them, and they also gave witness. From that day to this those who have received the Holy Ghost in personal baptismal power have spoken in other tongues as the "Spirit gave the utterance." It was the descent of the Holy Ghost upon and in the lives of the 120 that inaugurated and started the Church of God upon its great career, and certainly the Church cannot proceed successfully without His ever-abiding presence.

Simon Peter was no longer the vacillating man he was the night of Christ Jesus' trial. All cowardice was gone; all misgivings were over; his disposition was as firm as his name, Petros—a little stone. Nowhere in his ministry

does he appear more fearless and courageous. His heart and soul were bent upon magnifying Jesus and defending His life, death, and resurrection. He would have the people to know that the descent of the Holy Ghost in fulfillment of Joel's prophecy and the prophecy of the Lord Jesus were indisputable proof that Jesus was not only resurrected from the grave, but that He had ascended to His Father. It was Jesus who had interceded with the Father to send the Holy Ghost.

The people were convicted and condemned in their hearts for the atrocious crime they had committed against Christ Jesus. Their minds were enlightened, and feeling their need of further assistance, they asked the disciples what they should do. Without the slightest hesitancy, Simon Peter proceeded to tell them what was requisite in their receiving spiritual fellowship with Christ Jesus. The first requirement was repentance. This was reminding them not only of the preaching of John the Baptist, but of Christ's preaching, also. Following repentance, they were to be baptized in water, in keeping with Christ's command, as a sign they had accepted Jesus and had received remission of sins. These things constituted the preparatory steps toward receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. One certainly is not justified in concluding here that when a person is saved he, at the same time, is sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

In verse 41, we have the record of the first baptismal service in the Church of God under the dispensation of grace. Three thousand people had gladly received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Questions have arisen as to how three thousand could have been baptized in one day. We must remember that there were not only eleven immediate disciples of the Lord Jesus, but most of the 120 were active disciples, also; thereof, it would have been nothing unusual for that number to baptize the 3,000 in one day and receive them into church fellowship. We do not know just what methods were used in receiving them into their membership, but this we do know, that they were added and became a part of the charter Church of the living God, purchased and established by our Lord Jesus Christ. However, when it comes to the mode of baptism, there is certainly no question, for Matt. 28:19 is very definite: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." That is the only ceremony the Church has been authorized to use by Christ Jesus, the Head of the Church.

Verse 42 is one of the greatest compliments bestowed upon a group of Christians. May I say that there would certainly be a vast difference in the Christian cause today if this kind of condition prevailed in every local church of the Church of God. We have here the example that every Christian group should follow. For special emphasis let us notice these four great characteristics of constancy: (1) They continued steadfastly in the apostolic doctrine. That is, they believed, they spoke the same things, and the apostolic doctrine was the doctrine delivered to them by the Lord Jesus. (2) They continued steadfastly in fellowship. Agreement on doctrines and teachings is one of the greatest guarantees possible of local church and denominational fellowship. On the other hand, when there are disputings and differences there is broken fellowship. They knew the world was against them, making it all the more necessary that they **stand united in faith, hope, and doctrine, bound together in the bonds of Christian love.** (3) They continued steadfastly in breaking bread. Their misconception about Jesus returning immediately to establish His kingdom was perhaps responsible for their selling their properties and pooling their funds, distributing to the poor and eating their bread together with singleness of heart, yet it proved a blessing to the Church and tended to add to its progress in a great way. And last, but perhaps greatest of all, they continued **steadfastly in prayer.** One of the greatest expressions, I think, in the New Testament is this: "The church prayed." And you remember on that occasion Simon Peter was prayed out of prison. Many and, indeed, difficult were the circumstances and conditions that the early Church had to face, but prayer, plus the endowment of power—the baptism of the Holy Ghost—was their key to deliverance and success.

Would we not all do well to pray, "God cause us ministers and laymen in this modern day to be like those of the Church of God at Pentecost?"

Society

Brought to JUDGMENT

By Mrs. Ruth Starnes
Greenwood, S. C.

Dan. 5:24-28, "Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written. And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

The judgment day is not set to judge only the poor, lowly, castaway, unfortunate human beings from the slums of the cities and backwoods. That great day is set to judge sinners, poor or rich, little or big. The poor man from the very lowest level of society will be on the same ground with those from the highest social circles.

The so-called society of today is rotten to the very core. Many times the greatest crimes are committed among the socially prominent families. The social whirl of society has gone pleasure mad. To the sordid, pleasure means intemperance, debauchery, wild rioting. To the worldly man, pleasure means wealth, comfort, luxury, or a round of excitement and amusement. But to Christ, pleasure meant always an appreciation of, and joy in, His Father's handiwork. It meant teaching hungry minds, relieving suffering bodies, comforting broken hearts, winning souls—these were meat to Him. To live in the constant smile of the Father's approval was His greatest pleasure. The same spirit should prevail in the Christian life. Let us as Christians belong to the society that honors God and puts Him first in all their undertakings.

Belshazzar was having a great social feast. This was one of the most expensive, fashionable social banquets known in the history of the world. He had invited a thousand of his lords, and he drank wine before them to show the honor of his majesty. While he thus engaged in this drunken revelry, he bade defiance to God's Temple and its vessels. He commanded that the gold and silver vessels which his father, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken out of the Temple at Jerusalem be brought to him. To make a fair show, Belshazzar and his princes, his wives and concubines drank wine from these vessels of the sanctuary. Such a degrading position for a king to be found in! Then, as if drinking wine in the sacred vessels wasn't enough sin, they ignored the existence of the true God, and in their deceit they praised the gods of gold, silver, brass, iron, and stone, things they had fashioned with their own hands. Sin was

running high and God's judgments were left out of their thinking. The same is true in numerous instances today.

God is a jealous God, and He has commanded us to have no other gods before Him. The Bible begins with "In the beginning God." This is still the right order of things today, regardless of the many who go opposite to this. There are some who give God no place at all. Then there are some who give God a place, but a small place. They relegate Christ and religion to some small recess of their heart. There are some who want to be saved, but not now. They first want to enjoy the pleasures of sin. They first want to fulfill the desires of the flesh. In Isa. 55:6 we read, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."

God frowned upon this drunken party of the king and his thousand lords. He was not pleased with this sinful revelry. They were enjoying the pleasures of sin in the extreme, but men can't get so high but what God can bring them down. Their joy was immediately turned into sorrow. God pronounced judgment upon them. Dan. 5:5, "In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote." Thus God wrote the death sentence of Belshazzar upon the wall. The king was startled by the appearance of this man's hand that wrote upon the plaster of the wall. He could not read the writing, but he knew it was no good news, for his conscience condemned him. Just as sure as God wrote this death sentence of Belshazzar, He is writing the death sentence of the sinner today. "The wages of sin is death." There is no way around the penalty of unforgiven sin.

"Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another," Dan. 5:6. There was no sound as of thunder, nor flashes as lightning, and no destroying angel present to frighten them, only a finger in silent writing upon the wall; but the king had never been so frightened. The written Word should be sufficient to frighten the boldest sinner. One reason sinners will not go to church or read the Bible, they realize God's judgments are pronounced upon them in the message. Jesus said men would not come to the light, for they love darkness rather than light because



Mrs. Ruth Starnes

their deeds are evil. They are guilty, yet they can't stand to hear the sentence passed upon them. Heb. 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Instead of asking the handmade gods whom he was praising a short time ago, Belshazzar called for his men of wisdom to interpret the handwriting on the wall. Dan. 5:7, 8, "The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof." Even though the reward was great, none present could give a satisfactory interpretation. But, as at other times, God had a man prepared for the emergency. Wherever you find a page of human history which glows with a peculiar splendor, there you will find a picture of a stalwart hero standing alone for God!

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Daniel was a man of God. He had not defiled himself with the king's meat; therefore, he could trust God for an answer to the handwriting on the wall. Daniel was recommended to the king by the queen. She said to Belshazzar, "There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation."

The king sent for Daniel and told him of the things he had heard concerning him. Belshazzar said, "If thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom." Daniel was not interested in the king's gifts, but he was willing to interpret the handwriting on the wall. He first related to the king the awful tragedy that came upon his father, Nebuchadnezzar, whose heart was lifted up in pride. Nebuchadnezzar was deposed from his throne. His dwelling was with the wild beasts; his heart was made like theirs; and he was fed with grass like the oxen. Daniel said, in Dan. 5:22, 23, "And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this: but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified." Even though Belshazzar knew all about the tragedy of his father, he did not humble his heart toward the God of heaven.

Daniel said, "This is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN . . . MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it." He had reigned with pride, lived in sin and revelry, but now he must come down and surrender to another. He had an opportunity to please God, yet he failed to do so. "TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Balances are God's scales on which He weighs men in judgment. Sinful, proud men never weigh what they think they will. God's balances are always just. Our lives are measured by the Word of God and unless we measure up to the standard set forth for the Christian walk, we shall be found wanting. The Word is like a mirror, revealing ourselves in our true light. If we look into the Word, it will reveal whether we are doing the will of God or not. We should

be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Bible obedience prevents self-deception, for hearers only deceive themselves. Bible obedience will bring us blessings and cause our lives to be a channel of blessing for others. A man once remarked, "I'd rather see a sermon lived than preached." How many of us are living the gospel in our everyday lives? Remember, the careless person never reads his Bible, but he reads the Christian's life.

In a small town there was an unsaved man getting along in years. Ministers and personal workers had been unheeded in their efforts to interest this man in his own soul's salvation. At length there came to a pastorate in that town a godly minister whose consecration was shown in the life that he lived in their midst in such an unmistakable way that he was able, by God's help, to bring this unsaved one to Christ. "It was not what you preached, but what you lived that I could not get around, for a life is one thing that no man can mistake," said the saved person to his pastor later. Every Christian should live so close to God that he will have an influence that will be felt wherever he goes.

Belshazzar would have weighed a great deal on his own scales, but when weighed in judgment he was found wanting. We must keep in mind that all earthly things will be left behind when God calls us out of this life. At death the sinner's days are numbered and finished. The death notice is not timed by our calendar, but by God. After death the sinner goes to judgment where he is weighed and found wanting. How vainly some have tried to believe that death is the end of things for a sinning soul, yet God's Word has a different revelation. The proud, haughty sinner, after being weighed in judgment, will find himself an unworthy, vain, and empty man. "PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." In that night, Belshazzar, the king, was slain. While their hearts were merry with wine, the besiegers broke into the city. They aimed at the palace, there found the king, and gave him his death wound!

Death comes as a snare upon those whose hearts are overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness. A man's social, financial, or political standing will have nothing to do with the judgment God will deal out to him. Man's only chance in judgment is to humble himself in this life. Prepare to meet God now. There is no time to delay. Neglect is a dangerous thing. There was one time a man who had stored explosives in the basement of his house. Just above was the fireplace, where the coals from the fire rolled out on the floor several times and almost burned through. The housewife realized the danger and several times had warned her husband of it, telling him he should cover the floor in front of the fireplace with metal. He admitted she was right and that it was dangerous, but he neglected. One day a coal burned through the floor and ignited the explosives, causing the ruin of his house. The trouble

was not that the danger was unknown, but that it was neglected. It is the same with the soul that is in danger of eternal punishment. Nearly all people know they are in need of salvation and realize they are in danger, but they neglect, and death overtakes them unprepared to meet God. Neglect is sending more people to hell than any other one thing. There is only one means of escape, and that is through the wonderful salvation that Christ has provided for us.

The price of our freedom was not of corruptible things. We were not redeemed with silver and gold. Neither were we bought with any other material thing, but with the precious blood of the Son of God. Christ was born a Saviour. He left His home in glory to come down among men, live with them, and die for them. His leaving home would not pay the price. His untiring labors, sleepless nights of prayer, His teaching and preaching were not enough. Suffering at the hand of His enemies, being scourged and crowned with thorns could not redeem us. Nothing but the blood of Jesus would atone for our sins. His blood had to be spilled or poured out as a sacrifice before it could accomplish what God the Father intended it to do. Thank God! He paid the price! We are now at liberty to come to God with a heart cleansed by the blood of His Son and live holy lives for Him. The death sentence is upon the human race. Death is the penalty for sin, yet we need not fear death if we are serving God. David said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." If God is with us, we are secure. Let us be careful of our society. Be sure to belong to the society that honors God and puts Him first in everything.



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REVIVALS...

CRUMLEY CHAPEL, Ala.—We have closed a 5 weeks' revival with 26 saved, 21 sanctified, 12 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 11 added to the church, and several healed. Sister Emma Newman was our evangelist, and the church was greatly blessed by her preaching.—Floyd Coggans, Pastor.

NAUGATUCK, W. Va.—We have closed a revival conducted by Rev. Edd McCloud and his three children that make up the McCloud Trio, of Flatwoods, Ky. Brother McCloud preached the Word of God in its fullness, and conviction was strong, and many came to Christ. There were 21 experiences. Our church has been far behind, but the Lord is blessing. Last month our average for Sunday School was about 90 per cent. We have organized an L.W.W.B. The McCloud Trio was a blessing to our church, Y.P.E., and Sunday School. They are 13, 15, and 16 years of age, and play many different musical instruments. Sister Celia Brewer is our good pastor, and we are so proud of her.—Evelyn Pack.

HEBER SPRINGS, Ark.—Our district convention began April 13 and ran through the 15th. Each minute was filled with wonderful singing, music, and preaching. There were visiting ministers from all over the State, and several of them brought a message which proved a great blessing. We are thankful for our state overseer, Rev. L. L. Hughes, and his great work in Arkansas.

On Monday, April 17, we began our revival, with Rev. Clois Sturch, of Higden, Ark. Each night the atmosphere seemed to be filled with the presence of God. Brother Sturch did some good preaching. Nine came to the altar with tears streaming down their cheeks, fell in the altar and were gloriously saved. Six were sanctified, 10 baptized in water, and 4 added to the church. The revival closed May 2, but there are still people hungry and thirsty for righteousness.—R. A. Garner, Pastor.

CHERAW, S. C.—We have just closed a 4 weeks' successful revival with Sister Lula Mae Putman as the evangelist. God came down in a mighty way in each service and blessed our souls. There were 32 saved, 15 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 added to the church. All previous records were broken in every department of the Sunday School and church. Anyone desiring a good evangelist who is willing to work hard for souls and to build up your church in every way, you will do well to secure Sister Putnam for a revival.—Carrie Herring, Clerk.

TURNERVILLE, Ga.—We thank the Lord for Sister Minnie Irene Hillhouse, of Columbia, S. C., who conducted a revival for us here. The re-

vival spirit is still here. There were 24 saved, 16 sanctified, and 15 filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Hillhouse has dedicated her life to God completely in the ministry and has indeed proved a real blessing at the Turnerville Church of God. We praise the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Delk. They have proved a great blessing to everyone. Our church has a good staff of workers. The last nights of the revival the altar was filled with seekers. We shall soon have our new church completed. The Lord has blessed us in so many ways. Everyone is doing his very best. Pray for us.—Elizabeth Cabe, Reporter.

S. BOSTON, Va.—We wish to report a very successful revival at South Boston, Va., with Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hathcock, of Marion, Va., as the evangelists. God greatly blessed in every service under the combined efforts of these great workers for Him. The church was blessed and encouraged to press on. There were 10 filled with the Holy Ghost and 5 added to the church. The memory of this blessed meeting will linger on and on.—C. M. Roseman, Pastor.

COLUMBIA, Miss.—We have just closed a 2 weeks' revival conducted by Rev. E. N. Wright, Jr., and wife. Thirteen were saved, 9 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, 5 baptized in water, and 4 added to the church. We thank God for Brother and Sister Wright and the great help they have given us. We should like for some good evangelist to come and conduct a revival for us in June. You may write to Rev. P. L. McLain, Box 327, Columbia, Miss.—Verna Mae Meadows, Reporter.

BRISTOL, Fla.—We praise God for His answer to prayer by sending us an old-fashioned revival. Brother and Sister Stansky, of Cottondale, were the evangelists. Sister Stansky is a wonderful preacher with a great compassion for the lost. God was with us from the first night in such a gracious

way. We thank God for His mighty presence and power during the 6 weeks of service. We all fasted and prayed for souls to be blessed. There were 59 saved, 41 sanctified, 21 filled with the Holy Ghost, 18 baptized in water, and 18 added to the church. We had Communion and feet washing on Sunday. God really blessed us, and it was such joy to our hearts to see those new converts enjoying the blessings of God. We are growing in every department. Our Sunday School broke the record Sunday with 107. We are believing God to continue to help us grow. We have begun laying the blocks for a parsonage, and are planning to have it completed in a few months. We have ceiled our church, built 2 Sunday School rooms, put gas heaters in the church, done many other things. We are really working for God. We have closed this great evangelistic effort, but the revival spirit is still burning in our midst. Under the diligent leadership of our fine pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Daniel, our church shall surely continue to progress. We appreciate them very much. Pray for us that we will stay apace and continue to work for Jesus until He returns.—Myrrh Shuler, Reporter.

LA GRANGE, N. C.—We have just had a 2 weeks' revival with Brother Paul Willoughby, of Kenly, N. C., doing the preaching. Six were saved, 4 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for our work.—Belle Lanier.



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THEY SAY...

FROM WHITEFIELD'S JOURNAL

Night and day Jesus fills me with His love. I walk continually in the comforts of the Holy Ghost. My heart is melted down with the love of Jesus. I want a thousand tongues to set off the great Redeemer's praise. The sight I have of God by faith ravishes my soul: how I shall be ravished when I see Him face to face! I am daily waiting for the coming of the Son of God. I would leap my seventy years, and fly into His presence.

A PRAYERLESS HOME

A home without family worship is like a house without a roof—exposed to every wind that blows and every storm that rages.

AGGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

Catherine Booth

It seems to me that we come infinitely short of any right and rational idea of the aggressive spirit of the New Testament saints. Satan has got Christians to accept what I may call a namby-pamby, kid-glove kind of system of presenting the gospel to people. Will they be so kind as to read this tract or book? Or, would they not like to hear this popular and eloquent preacher? They will be pleased with him quite apart from religion!

That is the sort of half-frightened, timid way of putting the Truth before unconverted people, and of talking to them about the salvation of their souls. This is utterly antagonistic and repugnant to the spirit of the early saints.

Light reveals sin by reproof. Hot saints will rebuke their neighbors and not suffer sin upon them. They are full of zeal for the glory of God, and jealous of His honor: it breaks their hearts because men keep not His law. They know that they have the light of life, and they feel that they must hold it up over the wrongdoing, deception, and hypocrisy of their fellow men in order to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light.

You never hear them apologizing for sin, or calling it by smooth names. They feel toward sin in their measure as God feels toward it. It is the abominable thing which they hate, and, therefore, they cannot in any case allow it, pander to it, or excuse it. Hot saints will mercilessly turn the blazing lamp of God's truth on the conscience of the sinner with the reproof as pungent, pointed, and personal as Nathan gave to David, Jehu to Joram, or Jesus to the Jews.

GIVING...

"Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much."

It is self-denying givers who are the best prayer supporters. In the Temple at Jerusalem the rich, out "of their abundance" (lit., "the overplus"),

had made their offerings. But the essence of character is sacrifice. Too many these days give mites out of their abundance.

A wealthy man, when solicited for a contribution for Christian work, said: "Well, I suppose I should give my mite like the widow." "I would have been satisfied with half of that," said the representative, "for the widow's mites were her all." God never refuses the poor offerings of the poor, but He is not pleased with the poor offerings of those who are well-to-do. "She . . . cast in all . . . her living." What a cutting rebuke to the calculating prudence which even the world despises! —Keith L. Brooks.

SHARP POINTS

Our idle days are the devil's busy days.

A man who allows his religion to interfere with his business, will not find his business interfering with his religion.

It's well to remember that mansions in the sky cannot be built out of mud thrown at others.

It matters not which way the wind blows—but the way you set your sails.

Keep the tools ready, and God will find thee work.

God honors no drafts where there are no deposits.

SHUN SPECULATION

By C. H. Spurgeon

To leave the consideration of well-known and soul-saving truths to fight over unimportant subtleties, is to turn our corn fields into poppy gardens. To imagine that the writers of unintelligent mysticism are men of great depth, is to find wisdom in the hootings of owls.

True spirituality shuns the obscure and dilettanti, and delights in the plain and practical; but there is much to fascinate in the superfine shams of the hour. Some are zealots for a certain theory of 636, and the two witnesses, and the little horn, who would be far better employed in training up their children in the fear of God, or listening for their instruction to a sober preacher of the Word of God. It is a most fitting thing to be looking for the coming of the Lord, but a most miserable waste of time to be spinning theories about it and allowing the millions around us to perish in their sins.

Ragged schools, orphanages, street-preaching, tract-distributing, almsgiving, these are the present and pressing questions for the Christian church; whether the stream of the Euphrates is likely to diminish, or the Dead Sea to flow into the Mediterranean, may be settled in less needy times.

Jesus did not come from heaven's glory to take our part, but He came to take our place.—Paul S. Rees.

COMPROMISE

A man starting in the fish business hung out a sign *Fresh Fish for Sale Today* and invited his friends to the opening. They all congratulated him on his enterprise, but one suggested his sign might be improved.

Said he, "Why the 'Today'? Of course, it's today, not yesterday or tomorrow." So the fishmonger removed the word.

Another said, "Why the 'For Sale'? Everybody knows that, else why the store?" And off came the words.

Another complained, "Why the word 'Fresh'? Your integrity guarantees every fish to be fresh."

Finally, only "Fish" remained, but an objector said, "Why the sign? I smelled your fish two blocks away!"

The church which tries to satisfy everybody ends up by pleasing nobody. Put up your sign and stand by it!

—J. H. Dampier.

OUR GUEST



It is, indeed, a great pleasure to enclose the money for 132 subscriptions to the *Evangel*. This amount was raised during the youth revival at the Lebanon, Pa., church. I promised the ones that sold the most I would ask you to, if possible, list their names in your editorial column. S. H. Long, chairman of the committee, sold 32; Sister Murren, 28; Sister Ehrnfield, 32; Sister Wike, 17. Again it is proved that if the *Evangel* is presented to our people, they want it. The pastor stated that he had never seen so much enthusiasm displayed as during this drive. Also, at this time they have a drive on for 100 *Lighted Pathway* subscriptions. I would not fail to mention the pastor, Rev. J. C. Jones, whose wholehearted cooperation made this drive possible. There are still more to follow next week. May God bless you in your work. We want you to know that the church here and the youth director of Pennsylvania appreciate your efforts for our paper.—A. G. Thompson, State Youth Director.

Englewood's Progress



This is a brief history of our church here in Englewood, Tenn. In the early summer of 1949, Rev. Ben Carter, who was pastoring Hiawassee, Tenn., came here and rented an old tabernacle. He started a revival and preached about 3 weeks, with the assistance of 3 young ministers of Chattanooga, Tenn. It was after this revival that Rev. C. M. Newman, district pastor

at that time, came over to set the church in order. The church had its beginning with 20 members. The writer started a revival next, in a state tent. There were 35 saved, 25 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 16 added to the church. Brother Carter purchased a building 56 by 32 feet, which had been a machine shop. It was converted into a church. The walls were plast-

ered and celotex put overhead. Brother Carter pastored one year.

The writer came to pastor at the last General Assembly. We rented an apartment, and in 2 weeks we had started on this nice modern 5-room parsonage in the picture. The parsonage has a 13-by-20-foot living room, 2 bedrooms, a study, a large dinette and kitchen combined, combination

God Is Blessing in Mesa, Arizona

MESA, Ariz.—We are happy to report that God is blessing the work here. We are in a building program now. We are erecting a pumice block building, size 44 by 69 feet. Also, we have taken in 22 members since the Assembly. Most of all, we are thankful for the power and presence of our great God which we feel in the services. —F. L. McClung, Pastor.

Wonderful Service at Grandview, Washington

GRANDVIEW, Wash.—I just must report the wonderful service that we had here at the new church in Grandview, Sunday afternoon, May 13. I had invited Brother Johnnie Thompson, our much loved state youth director, down to preach for us, as we wanted to receive a special offering for our building program. There was not such a large crowd present, but following the message we received an offering exceeding \$1,000 in cash and pledges. The hearts of the people were moved toward this great cause. One young man that had just recently been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost was so moved by the Spirit that he kept on giving until he had given himself as a member of the church. We gladly received him. We have already purchased 2 fine lots and made plans for our building. I believe

we topped the 3 states in Sunday School attendance for April. Remember us here that we will ever be a real Church of God.—B. F. Sherbahn, Pastor.

Victory in the Far Northwest

MISSOULA, Mont.—We are reporting victory here in the far Northwest. On April 15, we began a 2 weeks' revival, with Rev. T. L. Forester, state overseer of North and South Dakota, as the evangelist, and Sister Sande, of Sheboygan, Wisc., a very good altar worker, was with us also. Our hearts were refreshed and blessed each night as we listened to the outstanding sermons preached by Brother Forester. Each night Sister Sande worked fervently with seekers till near the midnight hour. Seven were filled with the Holy Ghost, 4 saved, and 2 reclaimed. Three of those that were filled with the Holy Ghost were our 3 youngest children, Anna Belle, 7 years, Bernice, 8 years, and Melvin, 9 years, and on Sunday they were taken in as members of the Church of God. We praise God for what He has done for our family. All of our 6 children are saved and belong to the church. We came to Missoula last August, after working in Canada for 5 years. We've had a gain in Sunday School since we came, and for the past few months attendance has been between 50 and

60. Brother Forester helped us boost our Sunday School, and, on April 22, we broke the old record and had 93 in attendance. Please remember us in prayer.—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kisser.

Gulf Coast District Youth Convention of Mississippi

The Gulf Coast District Youth Convention of Mississippi convened at the Benndale Church of God April 27-29. Several stated that this was the best convention they ever attended. From the first song till the last handshake, the wonderful Spirit of the Lord was prevalent. Such fellowship and freedom was never excelled anywhere. Brother E. H. Babb, state youth director, was greatly anointed of God as he boosted the youth program. Brother J. P. Wendell, district youth director, brought a timely message on the need of being alert to Communism, that ever-growing threat to the church. He also presented a prize to the pastor whose church brought in the most orphanage money. Brother Foxworth, of Benndale, won this prize, a very nice picture.

Saturday afternoon each church on the district presented a 20-minute surprise program. These programs were something to see. They brought laughs and they brought tears as their thoughts were acted out or expressed in reading or song. The climax of

Success in Picture and Story

—H. C. Jenkins, Pastor.



bath, beech hardwood flooring, and electric heat. (The pastor, wife, and children are shown on parsonage porch.) In the last few weeks we have put a new hardwood floor in the church, also 2 new Sunday School rooms, and elevated the choir. We have raised \$1,700 in the past 8 months on the church. We have 50 members. We have made these accomplishments be-

cause the people had a mind to work.

We had our dedication service Sunday, May 6. Rev. J. D. Bright, our Editor-in-Chief, delivered the dedicatory sermon on Sunday morning. Sister Bright and their little daughter, Lorennna, were with him. In the afternoon he was joined in a dedicatory ceremony by the former and present district overseers, C. M. Newman and

W. M. Wood, and the former and present pastors, Ben Carter and H. C. Jenkins. We were happy to have a number of other pastors on and off the district. The Messenger's Quartet of Lee College added greatly to the service with their music and singing. We feel that we have made a good beginning. Pray that we will keep going and growing for God and His Church.

these programs brought a great outpouring of God's power that won't be forgotten. Then the Lord encouraged His people with a message through the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister E. B. Carter, evangelists on the district, were a great blessing with their singing and preaching. Sunday brought another great time in the Lord, with a wonderful message on the church by Brother Babb, who seemed to just outdo himself at this time. A big country dinner was spread at noon, with plenty for all. In the afternoon service, the last of the convention, each pastor gave a talk on various subjects and seemed to show a renewed zeal to do more for our youth. The convention closed with everyone looking forward to the state convention in July, if Jesus tarries.—P. O. Lombard, Pastor, Rocky Creek Church of God.

Prayer Has Been Answered for Newberry, S. C.

NEWBERRY, S. C.—In January of 1950, the church here had a total membership of 3 male members and 17 female. The church was without a pastor, and services were discontinued. In answer to the prayers of the few yet faithful members and friends God sent a pastor and has been using him in a miraculous way. The first few Sundays the Sunday School attendance was around 20 to 25. The

total attendance records have been repeatedly broken until our attendance record now stands at 203, and our average for the month of April was 129. We have purchased a 5-room parsonage for our pastor and are now in a drive to raise funds for a new church as our present one does not have the capacity for the people who wish to attend our services. Our Sunday School rooms are crowded, and we do not have seating space for the people who attend our special services. We have just finished a 3 weeks' revival conducted by Rev. J. E. Houston, a young man of God and a wonderful evangelist whom any church would be very fortunate to secure. There were 81 confessions to conversion, with 38 being sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Many prayers were answered and the deaf healed, and others received healing for their bodies. Twenty-nine were added to the church which, in itself, was in answer to prayer that God would double the membership of this church this year. We praise God for our pastor, J. W. Moore, who is doing a real work here for the Lord and is a credit to our church.—William I. Frye, Clerk.

Rock Hill, Miss., District Convention, April 27-29

The Lord, through the power of the Holy Ghost working through a group

of submissive servants, gave to us a glorious convention. The services began Friday night under the leadership of our efficient district overseer, Rev. M. L. Muse. After the welcome address by the pastor of the Rocky Hill Church, Rev. Jeremiah Jenkins, and the response by Rev. David Gardner, the convention was officially opened by our state overseer Rev. G. C. Hamby. God was surely there, and 2 fine sermons were preached. Rev. Hulon Evans stirred our hearts with a message entitled "Letting Your Nets Down for a Draught." Rev. Roberts of Meridian preached a message on "The Noise of the Holy Ghost."

On Saturday morning the Lord came with another blessing for His people, and on Saturday night the Holy Ghost met with us again. The singing was commendable. Rev. Walton of Meridian and Rev. Eugene Lambert, pastor of the Church of God in Laurel, were the speakers for the evening. After Brother Walton's message on the "Need for Today," the people received a great blessing. Brother Lambert's message on "The Church" was followed by an altar call, with conviction so great that at least 17 people came for prayer.

On Sunday morning a good crowd assembled for worship. Wonderful singing, good reports by the pastors on the district for their churches, a

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Water Baptism

By C. R. SPAIN
Overseer of Indiana

Matt. 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

These are among the last words spoken by our Lord before His ascension. This text is often quoted by all Bible readers and believers, yet I feel that too often we fall short when it comes to putting it into practice. Even when we abide by its teachings, we take our own good time before we do.

I am thinking of the way the New Testament disciples regarded this truth. In Matthew 31:6 the believer's confession and water baptism went side by side. In Acts 8:38 Philip instructed the eunuch, but the work was not completed until he was baptized in water. In Acts 16:33 Paul baptized the believing jailer and his family that same hour of the night. These great ministers didn't wait weeks or months, for they knew the teachings of Christ. Therefore, no time was lost before they baptized their converts.

I do believe Jesus was giving the essential and necessary instructions of how they were to do their part in preparing men for the kingdom. The first essential point was teaching—teaching those things they had learned from Him, also those things they would learn from the Holy Ghost. The teaching is not sufficient to do the complete work, so Jesus instructed them to baptize. The two steps were to put a man on the road to heaven. The disciples never forgot this. Wherever they went, they taught and baptized.

I think we ministers are doing a fine job of teaching. In spite of all

the spurious doctrines and delusions, we are teaching the truth and getting results. We have been accused of "overtaching" the people. Often I have heard this and other similar remarks, but never have I heard of us overdoing the job on baptizing. The ministers of Indiana have done a wonderful job on teaching. This has brought results. There have been 640 people saved within the last seven months in our state. For this we truly praise God! The Lord has helped us and we are glad. However, in the same length of time there have been only 41 people baptized in water. This leaves 599 who have prayed through at our altars and are not baptized. If we taught them, it is our duty to baptize them.

This has been a terrible winter, and the weather has made it almost impossible to have a baptismal service. Nevertheless, until the believer is baptized, the work is incomplete.

Who has this responsibility? The ministers of this state. Pastors, let us preach a few sermons on water baptism, then let us arrange to have a service to baptize those who have heeded our teaching. God is looking to us. No doubt, there are many in the church who have been converted for years and yet have not followed the Lord in water baptism.

My prayer is that God will cause this little message to stir your heart. We declare that we preach the whole Bible. Then, let us practice the whole Bible. A good baptismal service will refresh your church and be the means of a great revival. Let us see who can lead the State in the number baptized.

Some Things to Think About

INSTITUTION GIVES HOPE TO DERELICTS

NEW YORK—Hopeless and homeless men in New York have something to hope for now.

They can hope for a new life in which defeat and despair can be changed to self-support and self-respect.

The city has launched a new program which is trying to make relatively stable citizens and wage earners out of aimless drifters. The program is being conducted by the New York Department of Welfare, headed by Raymond Hilliard, with Joseph Mannix,

director of all municipal shelters, in direct charge.

The Hart Island Shelter in the East River was spurred into being by a problem that plagues every big city—the problem of homeless men who often are very able workmen, but who can't keep a job. Some can't take supervision. Others can't get along with people. Others can't stand prosperity. A little money jingling in their pockets sends them straight for a drink.

The Hart Island Shelter for homeless men opened in a cluster of red brick buildings which was once a naval prison. Last August the first contingent shuffled off the ferryboat

and up the road. They were dirty, penniless and dull with despair and discouragement. Since then many have left—new strength in their bodies, new hope in their hearts.

Two hundred and two men are there now. The first thing on their program was a good meal. Then they were cleaned up, clothed in a complete new outfit and assigned to a place in one of the 40-bed dormitories. Next they were examined for skills and put to work. Among them are electricians, carpenters, plumbers, cooks, laundrymen and laborers. Their labor virtually runs the place.

Besides board and lodging, they get \$1 every fourth day.

SEX CRIMES

An epidemic of attacks on little girls and boys by sex maniacs has developed. This does not surprise intelligent observers and students of the national problem. For years the movies and the newsstands and the radio have been spewing out suggestive filth by the ton and by the hour and by the mile with only one aim: to stimulate illicit sex interest. Only one good can come out of this awful epidemic and that is to awaken the sleepy Christians to what these perverters have done to our nation.

FOCUS PRAYER ON DIVINE INTERVENTION

All history of the church shows that when God answers prayer He gives His people the very thing they ask for. God confers other blessings on both saints and sinners which they do not pray for. He sends rain both upon the just and unjust. But when God answers prayer, it is by doing what His people ask Him to do.—Chas. Finney.

TEEN-AGERS ADMIT SEX ORGIES; POLICE START INVESTIGATION

ROCKFORD, Ill. — Five teen-age girls, one of whom said she was tied to bedposts and attacked, and five youths were questioned recently in a new investigation of sex orgies.

The state attorney's office said all those in custody admitted numerous intimacies, and that 11 more youths named by the girls were being sought.

Ages of the youths in custody and sought ranged from 16 to 22. The girls' ages are 14 to 17 and two of them, one 16 and the other 17, are married.

A younger sister of the 16-year-old married girl also was in custody.

The 16-year-old married girl said she had been intimate with 10 youths, Folgate said. Her 15-year-old sister admitted intimacies with three youths.

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The Church of God Moves Forward in Oklahoma

Rev. E. T. Curtsinger

I found the Lord in Faxon, Oklahoma, in the year of 1928, in a revival conducted by the late Rev. B. L. Hicks. This was the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me. I couldn't say the past twenty-three years have been a bed of roses all of the way; however, things now are much better.

We have been privileged to see the Church of God spread out over Oklahoma. At the time I was saved, there were only a few churches in the State: Lawton, Ravia, Murphy, Maud and maybe Seminole; but if I am not mistaken, that was about all. It seemed for a long time that we could never get started, but **THANK THE LORD**, we are moving forward now by the help of the Lord.

I can remember when, if we got \$15 in a state mission offering, we thought that was good; but now we can raise \$500 in a district convention. I realize money is not all of it, but it is going to help us get new churches much faster. I feel that if the Lord tarries, soon we shall be one of the leading Pentecostal churches in the State. Our people have a mind to work, and their fruits prove they are working. We have a nice church at Lawton. Anadarko has a fine church. I can remember when they had no floor, and their church didn't look so good, but the people there have been working, and, if you haven't been there in a while, you just wouldn't know it.

Drive up to Binger, and you will

find a nice little church with a number of classrooms. Binger has been on the job working.

From the reports, Enid has made great progress. Not many years back, we were very small there. Guthrie also had a struggle, but now they have bought a new parsonage and are building a new church. I can remember when Oklahoma City had nothing they could call their own. They had to worship in a shack and had no parsonage for their pastor. But the good people of Oklahoma City had a mind to work, and now they have a nice church and a new parsonage. You just can't keep God's people down. They used to all be shacks, but **THANK GOD**, we are getting some bricks.

We have several churches in the State now that are moving forward: Norman, Wright's Station, Shawnee, Lindsay, Ada, Edmond, Johnson, Ardmore, Wapanucka, W. Tulsa, E. Tulsa, Wagoner, Perry, Faxon, Fort Townsend, Hugo, Chickasha, and Muskogee. These are some of the places in Oklahoma where we have churches now. I am sure there are others I haven't mentioned.

It hasn't been many years ago when our state overseer had no place to call home. Finally, we got a little three-room house at Maud, worth about \$200, if I am not mistaken, but now we have a fine home for our overseer, one of the best in the Church of God.



E. T. Curtsinger

I imagine the devil is wondering just where we are going to strike next. I am sure by the help of the Lord, we will soon be in new fields with the Church of God.

It hasn't been long ago that we only had a very small number of Church of God preachers in this state. We thank the Lord for giving us so many fine ministers and workers who are doing their best to build the Church of God in Oklahoma.

I am sure if we live good and preach Church of God doctrine, we will go places for the Lord and His Church.—
E. T. Curtsinger.

Where Are the Missionaries?

I'm not "Joe Doaks" with a call to any specific mission field. I am just a curious student with a burden for lost souls, whether they be red, yellow, black or white. I have had, for some time, a call to the ministry and I am doing my best to prepare myself for it. As I said, I haven't a call to any specific field but I can truly say that I have told God, from my heart, that I will go where He wants me to go and do what He wants me to do and be what He wants me to be.

We all know that missionary work begins at home, not from the large church to the small community, but from you to your neighbor. I didn't have the pleasure of growing up in a Christian home and a "neighborhood missionary" never entered our home. When I was about ten years old I lived two blocks from a Church of God and didn't hear the gospel because I wasn't curious enough to go to their Church. My mother said one day that they talked in an unknown tongue but that was just another question mark in my mind. Where was the neighborhood missionary?

It is not God's plan for us to wait for sinners to come to us. He says to go

out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. We are all guilty of not speaking to sinners EVERY time the opportunity affords itself, so let us try to make it a point to reach more sinners here at home. We need more neighborhood missionaries who are not afraid to talk about the Lord or to proclaim the Gospel wherever they go. There are plenty of people that will hear the word, but who will preach to them?

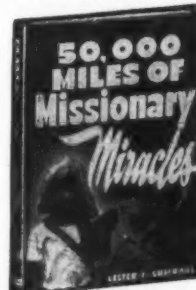
I was greatly surprised to find how few missionaries we have on the field, in comparison to other movements. We (the Church of God) with over one hundred forty thousand members, have only 40 missionaries on foreign fields.

Two movements in a little country of Finland, totaling thirty thousand members, have 40 missionaries on foreign fields. Thirty thousand members in South Africa are keeping forty missionaries on the job. The "Free Pentecostal Assemblies" in Sweden with one hundred thousand members is supporting three hundred fifty missionaries. "The Free Pentecostal Assemblies" in Norway with fifty thousand members has one hundred fifty

missionaries working. Fifty thousand Pentecostal people in Canada support one hundred fifty missionaries. These countries almost all have strict government regulations concerning missionaries—how much money can be sent out of the country, etc.

One independent church in England, known as the Penial Chapel, having about eight hundred members, is supporting SEVENTY MISSIONARIES. I am told that when asked how they

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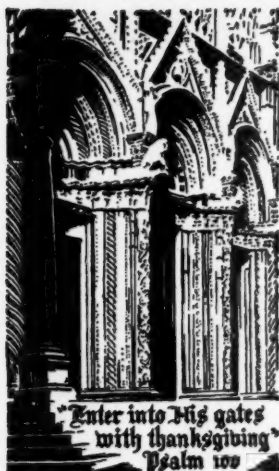


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The Temple

By MRS. W. F. STEEDLEY, Clerk of the New Lacey Church of God, Alma, Ga.

holies, into which only the high priest went, a place to which we had no right until Jesus was crucified. Jesus rent in twain that veil, "by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh," Heb. 10:20. He

became our High Priest and made it possible for us to be baptized in the Holy Ghost, the final and third blessing He promised His followers. He said it was expedient that He go back to the Father that we might have the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. As the temple veil was rent in twain, as He hung on the cross, He forever abolished the unapproachable. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water," Heb. 10:22. Thank God for the privilege of being made a member of the temple, members of His glorious body, the church.

HIS SECOND COMING

The Second Coming of the lowly Nazarene as King of kings and Lord of lords marches with gigantic strides.

This great truth is said to be spoken of in one way or another in every twenty-five verses in the New Testament, making it above and beyond any other doctrine of Scripture. The Second Coming, like a beautiful crystal stream, winds its way from Genesis to Revelation, for it is spoken of in type and figure, in form and symbol, in prophecy and exhortation. The Second Coming is the central chord of all vital Christian life.

John the Baptist talks of the Second Coming, not the first.

The Son of God Himself is taken up with His Second Coming, not with His first.

In writing his epistles to the Thessalonians, the apostle Paul closes each chapter of both letters with the declaration that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming again.

Peter, James, and John join in the universal testimony and speak of His coming again.

The late Dr. I. M. Haldeman, of New York City, reminds us that "Jesus' Second Coming, while spoken of as one great event, has two separate and distinct parts.

"In the first part, He comes as a thief; in the second part, He comes as lightning.

"In the first part, as the *Morning Star*; in the second, as the *Sun of Righteousness*."

In his book "Divine Dynamite," Dr. J. E. Conant tells us how Napoleon planned his masterly campaign to defeat the Austrians at Marengo.

On the 20th of May, he was on the heights of St. Bernard.

On the 14th of June, after working awful havoc among his foes, and having sent Desaix forward on the right, he advanced to consummate his plan of campaign.

But Desaix was hindered by the suddenly swelling waters of the river Po, and Napoleon was compelled to stand on the field of battle and see his old guard giving way.

Just as the day was lost, Desaix came sweeping across the field at the

head of his forces. He had with him a little drummer boy he had picked up on the streets of Paris.

As the column halted, Napoleon shouted to the boy, "Beat a retreat. Beat a retreat." But the boy never stirred.

Again Napoleon shouted, "Gamin, beat a retreat."

Then the boy stepped forward, and grasping his drumsticks a little tighter, he said, "Sire, I don't know how. Desaix never taught me that. But I can beat a charge that would make the dead fall into line. I beat that charge once at Mount Tabor; I beat it at the Bridge of Lodi, and I beat it at the Battle of the Pyramids. Shall I beat it here, sire?"

Napoleon turned to Desaix, and said, "We are beaten; what shall we do?"

Desaix quickly replied, "Have him beat the charge—the charge—the old charge of Lodi and the Pyramids."

And, a moment later, following the gleaming sword of Desaix and the furious roll of the boy's drum, Napoleon's forces swept down on the hosts of Austria, drove the first line back upon the second, and the second upon the third, and though many of them died, their line never faltered. And when the smoke of battle cleared away, the boy could still be seen in the front of the line, beating his furious charge.

Men and women of the Church of the living God, let us arise out of our lethargy and obey the Great Commission of our risen and glorified King, lift the crimson banner of Immanuel above the mists of hatred, despair and unbelief, and press forward, overcoming the passions, prejudices and pride of the God-hating world, overthrowing all false systems of faith and sweeping aside all opposition, until everyone from

*"Greenland's icy mountains
To India's coral strand"*

has at least heard of Him who said: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26).

—Defender.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God," Eph. 2:19. The temple built by Solomon is a type of God's church. Its services carried out then were a type of our experiences with God as Christians. The temple was a meeting place with God. At the time of the building, and until Jesus was crucified, we Gentiles were "strangers and foreigners." We find that the Gentiles' court was a place where all nations were allowed, but not to take part in actual services of the temple. Thanks be unto God for the gift of His precious Son, which made it possible for our bodies to be the temple of the Holy Ghost. "In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit," Eph. 2:22—framed together, Jew and Gentile growth into an holy temple in the Lord—organically.

Entering the inner court was symbolic of a person who has made a decision to live for God. When we realize we are sinners, we come first to the brazen altar, a place to ask God for forgiveness of sins, to be saved from our sins. Next, we come to the lavers. This is the place of sanctification, the second step in salvation. The sacrifice of bulls and goats wasn't able to do it, for the comers there unto couldn't be made perfect. Jesus came to "take away the first and establish the second, by the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all"—Jew and Gentile.

After being saved and sanctified, we can enter the holy place. There they kept the candlestick, a symbol of the light from heaven, by which we walk; the loaves of bread representing God's Word, of which we need to partake daily, if we would keep our souls fed; the altar of incense, a symbol of our prayer life. The only way we can keep in contact with God and heaven is through our prayer life. As the incense was burned continually, so must our prayer life be kept in action—"pray without ceasing." The next place was the holy of

Let Us Hold Fast Our Profession

By Evangelist Mary F. Frizzell, Route 2, Soddy, Tenn.

Heb. 4:14. The question is being asked every day, "Just what is your profession?" So, to answer the question, we must be filled with the Spirit of God.

Heb. 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." We notice in the beginning that the first man was holy. Surely it was God's plan that we be a holy people. Even the men who wrote the Bible were holy. Let us notice what the word **holiness** means. Holiness is purity. Psalm 24:3, 4, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart." Matt. 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Paul told Timothy to keep himself pure. Peter said, "See that ye love one another with a pure heart." Peter also said, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth." To me, the heart is like a fuel pump on a car. As long as the fuel pump is clean, it will pump the gas freely; but, let it get full of trash, and the car will stop. It is the same way with a Christian. Let the heart get filled with the things of the world, and your testimony doesn't ring with a clear sound as it did when you had a pure heart. When a heart has been purified, hatred, jealousy, and strife take their flight. Let us keep a pure heart and hold fast our profession.

Holiness is righteousness. Job was a righteous man in all his trouble. I can hear the Lord when He said to the devil, "Satan, hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movest me against him, to destroy him without cause." And the devil said, "Put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face." And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life." In all of Job's grief and loss, he held fast his profession and sinned not, because he was righteous and feared God. David asked the Lord, "Who abides in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" The Lord answered and said, "He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart." I remember being in the home of a dying man who had lived a righteous life and held fast his profession. Just one day before his departure he said, as David of old, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." The reason this man could leave a testimony like this, he had held fast his profession.

Holiness is my profession, and I believe that it is less preached today than ever before, yet the day in which we now live is the most needful time

for holiness to be preached and practiced. The reason it isn't preached is because it isn't lived. Pride has crept into the people of today; we have to have everything up to date. If the women of today would dress as is becoming unto holiness, their hair would grow, their dresses would have sleeves in them, they would stay out of the beauty parlor, because the Bible said, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." If we are saved by the grace of God, sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ, filled with the promise of the Holy Ghost, we don't have a desire for worldly pleasures, but we have a desire to hold fast to our profession. Men today are seeking for a better position in life. Education is the cry of the people. It is good, but what we need is more of the old time power of God. If Grandma had to live holy, we do, for He said, "I am the same yesterday, today, and forever." God didn't call me to give the people sugar-coated pills, and I know there isn't a man or woman called of God who has been given the command to sugar-coat the gospel. What we need today is holiness preached heaven high, hell deep, gun-barrel straight, and world wide.

Surely, if we ever needed to hold fast our profession, it is in the day in which we live, as everything is pointing to the coming of Jesus. In 2 Timothy 3, we read that in the last days perilous times will come. Aren't they here? Men will be lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers. Aren't these things happening every day? Yes, I am sorry to say they are. Further on in the chapter we read, "Having a form of godliness." Just as sure as we live, formalism has gotten into our churches today. You might say, "Not in the Church of

God." I am sorry to say so, but it is true. I went to a Church of God in a near town a few nights ago. I thought all churches were alike. After being in a seven weeks' revival where ninety received the good Holy Ghost, you can imagine how my soul was on the mountain top. This church was in a revival, but when I rejoiced in the Lord they acted like they were scared.

Yes, it was a Church of God. I am not criticizing the Church of God; I just see the need for so-called Christians to get a greater hold on their profession. I know the word "holiness" doesn't ring with the world any more, but my profession is holiness, and I intend to preach it, live it, and die by it. I know if we live holy we will suffer persecution, but I count all trials joy when I can be called a child of the King. The Bible said if we live godly we shall suffer persecution. He said His grace was sufficient, and He would never let us be tempted above that we are able to bear, neither would He leave us alone. We can live so close to God and have so much of the power of God that we will be petrified to the things of the world. God forbid that I ever criticize.

The great need is to stop, look, and listen. Matt. 24:4-6 "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." Friend, hold fast to your profession. Surely it can't be much longer till our Lord shall come after those who have their lamps trimmed and burning. Friend, don't live on the other man's religion, but work out your own salvation with fear and trembling that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Hold fast to your profession, for Jesus is coming soon. Take heed that no man deceive you. Stop, look for the Lord, and listen for His trumpet. Hold fast your profession.

Our Responsibility North of Rio Grande

By MARY W. ATKINSON, Missionary to Mexico

A great deal has been said and done with regard to our responsibilities south of the Rio Grande, which is known in Mexico as El Rio Bravo del Norte, "the brave river of the North." We appreciate very much the effort that has been put forth south of the "Big River," but what about our responsibility north of the Rio Grande?

In Acts 1:8, we read, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." In our "Jerusalem," the United States, we have about four million Mexicans who are practically unevangelized, and the fact that we have only a few missions, perhaps a dozen at the most, is a serious indictment against the Church of God as a missionary movement. Yes, I fear that

we are charged with an offense against God through failing to fully recognize our responsibility in this case and do more about it. Thousands of young Mexican men are volunteering and being drafted into the armed forces of our country, with many of them already on the battlefield of Korea. Will not God require their blood at our hands if we fail to do our duty in these crucial times?

Although God has spared my life way beyond the Biblical span of three-score and ten years, I am still quite active in the Lord's work and mean to continue my activity until He comes for us in the clouds of heaven, or calls me home. I know that we have a hard task before us, as the Mexicans in the United States are much harder to reach than those who live in Mexico; but in the end we shall be re-

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A Letter from Herbert Walker, Jr.

Box 592
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
May 9, 1951

Dear Friends:

At last we have the testimonies of the converted witch doctors which we promised you several months ago.

Francin Francique was a witch doctor, "Hongan," for 34 years. His story begins with his going bathing in a river with another young man. Suddenly, he disappeared, and the other fellow returned to tell his family. They notified the police and searched for him in vain three days. A month later, people found him in a forest, he was unconscious. He declares that during this time he, in person, was in another world, in a large house, and that it was not just a vision or dream. When he regained consciousness of this world, he felt another power within him, and from that time he worked for Satan. His special spirit was "Baron Samedi." He became a great leader and was known for miles around. He conducted great services for the devil and sacrificed chickens, goats and pigs. People came to him for consultations for good luck, healing, business success, protection from the devil, and charms.

When the spirit came upon him he drank much; he was very strong; and he lost consciousness. But when the spirit left, he was weak and almost like a dead man. After years of this, he began to feel that he was a slave, and was very tired of it. He prayed to God for deliverance. That night he had a vision of Jesus and the disciples coming to deliver him. Fifteen days later he had a vision of a group of people who came to his home with a Bible and prayed and told him he

must be converted. The next night the spirit came back upon him and prophesied to the people that God had taken this man, and he would no longer serve Satan. The next day, Sunday, brothers from the Jammeau church came by doing missionary work, and he invited them into his home. They prayed with him, and he was saved.

Louis Charles was a witch doctor for only three years and never did go too deeply into Voodooism. He had suddenly lost his mind. His family was obligated to tie him to keep him still, and finally took him to a witch doctor for healing. There he was told that this sickness had come upon him because the spirit wanted him to become a priest and be at the disposal of the spirit. At first he would not agree but finally in order to have peace, he accepted. For five months he received training and preparation to be a Voodoo priest. At last the time came when he was given the secret of how to obtain the power. The secret was such a terrible thing that he would not do it. (Even now he does not disclose the secret.) During the five months, he had been taught to lie and deceive the people. If there were no spirit, he lied and told the people the spirit was there. They had taught him how to fix many things—magic—special rooms, etc. This was the extent of his ministry in Voodooism.

The Catholics made a drive to destroy Voodooism, and they entered his temple and destroyed everything there. He went to their services and vowed that he would serve Satan no more. But he became very ill and went to another witch doctor. He was told that to be healed he would have to

again serve Satan. While he was making preparations and arranging his temple, he became worse. One day he had a vision of a child leading him down a very narrow path with ditches on both sides. Three days later he had a vision of a man who was very excited, trying to tell him something and then burning his Voodoo stuff. Two days later he had a vision of a group of people praying for him. He did not want to listen to them because he was against Christ, but it seemed that something from above came down upon him. On Sunday a group from our Port-au-Prince church was passing by and stopped and talked to him. It was exactly the group he had seen in his vision. He agreed to be converted and burn all his Voodoo fetishes. He was saved and healed that day, which was about five years ago.

Your missionaries in Haiti,
Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Walker, Jr.
Miss Odine Morse

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do it, the pastor simply replies, "Faith is a wonderful thing."

Have we lost the burden for souls?

Some people say that we can not raise enough funds to support anymore missionaries. I say that we can't raise enough faith. We always have faith enough to start a new church building or a new parsonage. We have enough faith to heal the sick. But we just can't seem to muster faith enough to send a missionary out, to carry the gospel to some poor lost soul, and guarantee him that his check will be on time and be the same amount every month.

WHERE ARE THE MISSIONARIES?

J. A. Warren, Student Lee College, Hialeah, Fla.

TESTIMONIES

LUMBERTON, N. C.—My heart is filled with gratitude to God for the way He touched and healed my eleven-month-old baby girl, Marilyn Kay Lamm. On the night of February 11, she became critically ill with terrible vomiting spells. I carried her to church, and she was so sick I had to keep her out in a Sunday School room during the services. When Rev. A. V. Childers began to pray for the sick, I took my baby through the line. I did not realize just how serious her condition was. As I looked upon her still form, I thought she was asleep. As Brother Childers prayed for the one just ahead of me, I looked down upon my baby and realized death was upon her. Rev. Carr Mercer, our good pastor, looked and understood, too. He gently took her out of my arms and the precious sisters restrained me from my baby. They, too, had seen the look upon her face. All I could do was to call upon God. Brother Childers prayed and anointed her in the name of Jesus, and immediately she sat up in Brother Mercer's arms. She looked around as people shouted, cried, and

rejoiced. I know that my child was raised up from the very jaws of death. Pray for us that the Lord will help us in training our five children for God's service.—Mrs. Fairley R. Lamm.

GARTEN, W. Va.—I praise God because He is mine and I am His. Brother Thea Jones prayed for me, and God healed me of bad eyes and hemorrhoids, for which I praise Him.—Mabel Nutter.

DAVIN, W. Va.—I praise God for healing a bad burn on my hand recently. I praise Him for His wonderful healing power. I also thank and praise Him for healing my little girl of the earache many times. Pray for me that I'll always have faith and trust in God's healing power.—Mrs. Beatrice Perkins.

UNION, S. C.—I praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy to me. I thank Him for saving me about twenty years ago, sanctifying and giving me the Holy Ghost, and adding me to the great Church of God. It is real to have this experience, and joy unspeakable and full of glory.—Mrs. Louise Fincher.

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We are going on our second year, with about 40 members in the church, which makes about the fourth trial that has been made within the past 17 years, and I believe the people have a mind to work for God and His church greater than ever before. We have had a new group of people to start with this time, except our pianist and the first two members who came into the church 17 years ago, Sister Truett and I. We sent for Sister Caldwell, in Tennessee, and we went to work. Brother Sedelmaier conducted a revival with several saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, but it caused us to lose our building. That did not stop us. Some went to God all night in prayer. One morning I said to my wife on my way to work, "Well, Anna, try and find that church today." (We had only \$25.) On returning from work that evening, my wife said, "Well, we have found our church

building, and also a parsonage." Both were empty and ready to move into. The state overseer, Brother Boatwright, came over the next morning and looked it over and gave me permission to buy it. He gave us \$100 out of the Mission Fund, and loaned us \$200. Brother R. J. Rathbun is the present pastor. We are just like one pastor. We are working for God and the church, not looking for praise from man. Brother Rathbun is doing a fine job, and the membership is working with him. We had 85 in Sunday School when this picture was taken. We had a revival with Jim Sheltrown as the evangelist. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. We have bought 316 theatre seats for the new church and are planning to build this summer. I believe the Church of God in Lansing is here to stay, even if it is the hardest place in Michigan for the Church of God. Pray for us.—W. T. Truett.

ROCK HILL, MISS. . .

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fine message on missions by our state overseer, and the mission offering were the high points of the morning service. The Lord surely had a hand in Brother Hamby's message which stirred our hearts so greatly. When the opportunity to give was presented, the response was wonderful. Twenty-two people, including the overseer, stood to give \$10. The next urge was for \$5. When the floor offering was finished, \$332.14 had been given, the most of any previous district convention in the State this year. A special offering of \$188.64 from the churches made the total offering \$520.78. After the Sunday service ended, a wonderful dinner was spread by the faithful

sisters and friends of the church. We feel that this great spiritual feast and place of fellowship was truly a success for God and His church.—Mary Grace Comans, Convention Reporter.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY . . .

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warded according to our degree of faithfulness.

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